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## Travel Doctor

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**Q** I had been keen to visit Syria and Jordan this spring but with the situation in North Africa and the Middle East, would you advise postponing trips to these areas?

*James, 26, Bristol*

**A** At the time of writing there have been some protests in Jordan but nothing like on the scale of Egypt, and pretty much none in Syria. While the situation is unpredictable across the region these countries, along with Lebanon and Israel, look the best bet for a Middle Eastern visit. I'm writing with more than a vested interest as by the time you read this I may well be in the region myself, so have been watching developments closely.

The key piece of guidance comes from the Foreign & Commonwealth Office ([www.fco.gov.uk](http://www.fco.gov.uk)). If it advises against all but essential travel, as it currently does to Libya, proceeding with your visit will probably invalidate your travel insurance.

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**Q** With the bank holidays around Easter and the Royal Wedding, I'd like to take an extended ski trip. I realise it's quite late in April, though. Where should I head to for the best chance of still catching some snow?

*Emily, 36, North London*

**A** You can ski well in to April and even May in North America, and the prices drop dramatically at the end of March. Last April, an impressive 107cm (42 inches) of snow fell on Whistler, arguably the world's No.1 winter wonderland. It has two mountains brought together as one resort and a plethora of non-ski activities, such as forest zip line treks, indoor rock climbing and a tube park. Also consider Utah, which has the lightest powder you could dream of. You could make a trip of it by driving through the of Bryce Canyon and Zion, and finishing with two nights in Las Vegas.

*James Rivers,  
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